Sweetened aerated water concentrates	. 1649	units of 10 kg. each
Raw material processed in edible oil unit :		
	. 3695	tonnes
	. 3907	tonnes
	. 1330	tonnes
Fruit pulp ..... •	. 140	kg. of litchi pulp
	. 4083	tonnes
North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd.:		
Pineapple juice concentrate—	36	tonnes

As per estimates made by the Companies, Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd. would incur a loss of around Rs. 65 lakhs during 1988-89, and North Eastern regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd. about 36 lakhs.

No exports were made by the two companies during 1988-89.

Demonstrations against the partisan functioning of Doordarshan and Akashvani

*76. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether demonstrations and dharnas were held in front of the Akashvani and Doordarshan Kendras in various parts of the country on June 26. 1989 protesting against the partisan use of Radio and TV by the ruling party at the Centre in which prominent opposition party leaders and thousands of people participated;

(b) if so, the details of such demonstrations held, people arrested, etc. State-wise; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to maintain objectivity, impartiality and credibility of the official media ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b) Consequent on a call given by some opposition parties, demonstrations/ dharna were held at AIR and Doordarshan Kendras all over the country on 26-6-89. In most of the places, the demonstrators were made to disperse peacefully. The situation was, however, handled by the concerned State Government authorities since it was a law and order matter.

(c) TV and AIR have got Code of Conduct, Code for News and guidelines prescribed by the Government and always maintain objectivity, impartiality and credibility.

Visits by the Minister for Steel and Mines abroad

•77. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJT : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the countries visited by the Minister for Steel and Mines during the last week of April and first week of May, 1989;

(b) whether any negotiations and agreements were reached during these visits; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRJ MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR) : (a) to (c) A delegation led by the Minister of Steel and Mines visted People's Republic of China from 24th April to 5th May, 1989. At the conclusion of the visit a Memorandum of Consultations was signed at the official level between Secretary, Department of Mines, Ministry of Steel and Mines, Republic of India, and the Vice Minister, Ministry of Geology and Mineral Resources of the People's Republic of China, a copy of which is enclosed at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

Memorandum of Consultations

The delegation led by His excellency, Shri M.L. Fotedar, Minister of Steel and Mines of the Republic of India visited China from April 24 to May 5, 1989, at the invitation of Mr. Zhu Xun, Minister of Geology and Mineral Resources of the People's Republic of China. The list of the Indian delegation is attached.

During his visit, Shri M.L. Fotedar held discussions with Mr. Zhu Xun, Minister of Geology and Mineral resources and Mr. Qi Yuanjing, Minister of Metallurgical Industry in a friendly and cordial atmosphere. The Indian delegation also visited the geological research institutions, laboratories, the geological instruments factory and Shoudu Iron and Steel Corporation in Beijing, Baoshan General Iron and Steel Works and the Bureau of Marine Geological Survey of the Ministry of Geology and Mineral Resources in Shanghai, Dexing Copper Mines, Ore-dressing Plant and Smelter, small scale mine and Xihuashan Tungsten Mine in Jiangxi Province.

Mr. Zou Jiahua state Councillor of the People's Republic of China received His Excellency Shri M.L. Fotedar, Minister of Steel and Mines of the Republic of India.

Following the discussions between the two sides, it was agreed that there are possibilities for mutually beneficial cooperation and the following fields were identified in this regard:

(1) Geology, Geochemistry & Geophysics.

(2) Mineral exploration and multi-purpose utilisation of minerals.

(3) Hydrogeology and geoenvironment.

(4) Regulation of Mines for development and conservation; of minerals.

(5) Other fields of mutual interest agreed by both sides.

It was also agreed to promote mutual understanding in the field of mineral exploration, geological technology and other areas of mutual interest by exchange of scientific and technical information, literature, specimens and other standard samples and through collaboration in research projects of mutual interest and for mutual benefit.

Both sides agreed to exchange visits of experts and delegations to identify and discuss the cooperation projects/programmes and the forms and methods for exchange and cooperation. The time and other details of visits and future cooperation projects/programmes will be fixed by the Department of Mines of the Ministry of Steel and Mines of India and the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Geology and Mineral Resources of China.

Both sides expressed their satisfaction with the discussions held during the visit and expressed their

sincere desire to develop and promote bilateral relations in the field of cooperation in the geology and mineral resources sectors.

Done in Beijing on May 5, 1989 Mr. Zhu Xun, Minister of Geology and Mineral Resources of the People's Republic of China and Shri M. L. Fotedar, Minister of Steel and Mines of the Republic of India were present at the signing ceremony.

Representative for the Ministry of Geology and Mineral Resources of the People's Republic of China	Representative for the Ministry of Steel and Mines of the Republic of India,
Sd/-	Sd/-
(Xia Guozhi)	(B. K. Rao)
Vice Minister.	Secretary
	Department of Mines.

THE LIST OF THE INDIAN DELEGATION

Head of the Delegation:

Members of the Delegation:

C.V. Ranganathan	
U.K. Mukhopadhyaya	V cal Survey of India
S.R. Jain	.....Vice Chairman, Steel Authority of India Ltd.
D.K. Bandhyopadhyay	of Mines Services), Hindustan Copper Ltd.
M.S. Nagar .	.....Director (Technical) Mineral Exploration Corporation.
S.K. Goel	.....First Secretary (Economic & Commercial) Embassy of India

Assistance to tribal farmers of Madhya Pradesh to meet natural calamities

*78. SHRI .AJIT P. K. JOGI :

SHRI CHANDANSHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government provide any assistance under any scheme to the tribal farmers of Madhya Pradesh for meeting the losses due to natural calamities to which they are often subjected to; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) and (b) Central assistance in tne event of natural calamities is extended to the affected farmers in accordance with the Central norms without making any distinction between ribal and non-tribal farmers.